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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6380

BILL NUMBER: HB 1164

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Higher Education Admission Policy.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Messer

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires state educational institutions to admit as first-time freshman students all applicants who meet certain requirements, including graduating from an Indiana secondary school in the top level of the applicant's graduating class. The bill authorizes state educational institutions to consider certain socioeconomic factors in making first-time freshman admission decisions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill requires a state educational institution to admit as first-time freshman students all applicants: (1) who are residents of Indiana; (2) graduated from a public or accredited nonpublic secondary school in the last two years; and (3) graduated with a grade-point average in the top 10% of their graduating class.

The institution is also required to consider adopting an admission policy to admit an applicant if their grade-point average is in the top 25% of their graduating class. The institution may require the student to have additional preparation for college-level work or participate in a program designed to acclimate the student to a college environment.

The number of students in the top 10% of their graduating class who are refused admission to some state institutions is not known, but the number is probably small since generally students in the top 10% to 25% of their class are admitted to state colleges. Currently, class rank is one of the factors considered for admission. The bill could have some small state impact if the student attended a university with greater state funding per student.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Universities.

Local Agencies Affected:

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